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## A CAREER IN MEDICINE AND PRESENT-DAY PREPARATION FOR IT<sup>1</sup>

Mr. President, Members of the Governing Boards and of the Faculty of Leland Stanford Junior University, Students in the University and Guests: It is my privilege to come at the invitation of this university to share in the inauguration of a new department in the university. To-day you are commencing a work which means much for the progress of medicine in this fair land of ours, and to be permitted to share in these exercises is a privilege and an honor which I esteem highly.

I come, too, bearing to you the greetings and good wishes of the faculty of medicine of Harvard University, who welcome you into the fellowship of university medical schools. This band of university medical schools is as yet but a small one. However, in the last decade and a half a slowly increasing number of medical schools have developed as integral parts of universities, constituting genuine university medical schools. Unfortunately this number is even smaller than is at first apparent, for in some instances the union between medical department and university is merely nominal. Small, however, as is this group, it has already exerted a powerful influence on medical education and has been one of the forces at work changing medical instruction and medical schools to keep pace with recent wonderful developments in medical science, and it will play a yet larger part in the medical uplift of the future. To strengthen this group with a

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